

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD
July 18, 2006

The July meeting of the Clinton County Board was called to order by Sheriff Mike Kreke on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Beckmann, Fix, Foppe, Hitpas, Holtgrave, Kloeckner, Lampe, Murray, Pingsterhaus, Raymond, Robbins, Sullivan, Craig Taylor and Jack Taylor.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited. All visitors and guests introduced themselves.

MOTION by Lampe & Craig Taylor to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Lampe second by Raymond to approve the appointment of Steve Heiligenstein to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Brian Guthrie as County Board Member. **MOTION CARRIED.** County Clerk Thomas LaCaze administered the oath of office to Steve Heiligenstein.

MOTION by Hitpas second by Robbins to approve the appointment of Wayne Maschhoff as Trustee of the Hoffman Fire Protection District for a three year term. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Sullivan second by Craig Taylor to approve the appointment of Maurice Buehne as Trustee of the St. Rose Fire Protection District for a three year term. **MOTION CARRIED.**

First Readings of Appointments: Steve Tebbe - St. Rose Public Water District.

MOTION by Jack Taylor second by Robbins to approve the semi-annual report of the Circuit Clerk's Office. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Kloeckner asked if anyone wanted to make changes to Ordinance #03-06-02 Appointment of Personnel Committee to represent the County in negotiations with LIUNA. **MOTION** by Raymond second by Lampe to leave the ordinance as it reads. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Kloeckner reported Dan Anderson of BPI Energy, Inc. is scouting for a location and doing the title work for drilling the first SCM test well in the county. He anticipates getting the first location staked and permitted within the next 60 days.

Chairman Kloeckner introduced a letter received from the City of Centralia regarding the possible creation of a "drug court" in both Clinton and Marion Counties. Sheriff Kreke and Kloeckner both feel more information is needed. States Attorney Bergman reported the Fourth Judicial Circuit has a pilot program similar to this in Effingham County. Sheriff Kreke will contact Judge Hitpas and the City of Centralia to look into this.

The following committees had no reports: County Farm, Unincorporated Area Improvement, Safety, Education, Solid Waste, RC&D, Veterans Memorial, Zoning/Subdivision, Law Enforcement, Liquor

and Environmental Concerns.

INSURANCE TRUST - Foppe reported there will be two meetings tomorrow. The first meeting will be with the thirteen counties that formed the original Trust in 1986. ICIT is wanting to get the old Trust settled and there is still money owed with it. After that meeting the current nine counties will meet. They will probably absorb anything owed by the original Trust. Foppe will report back next month.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – Raymond reported all bills reviewed and approved. There are two situations that are being looked into and need to be tabled until next month.

Chairman Kloeckner asked Heiligenstein to serve on the same committees that Guthrie had been a member on.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD - Foppe will attend the next Finance Committee meeting with the budget requests he has received concerning the Mental Health Board.

GIS COMMITTEE - Beckmann reported the completion of townships is moving along well. A meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 24th at 5:00 p.m.

TOURISM COMMITTEE - Holtgrave reported the Executive Committee meeting was canceled. The Committee has a meeting tomorrow evening.

911 COMMITTEE -

Fix reported his committee advertised for bids for 270 pagers along with the programming, batteries, etc. Wireless USA submitted the lowest bid - \$123,249.80.

County Clerk LaCaze reported the backup server was installed last week for his office in the 911 facility. John Skain said the county needs a larger power supply than the one that was included in the bid to support the server. That one has been returned to Fidler Company. A larger one will serve the 911 facility and the County Clerk's Office. The County Clerk's Office will share ½ of the cost of the back-up power supply.

PERSONNEL/LABOR COMMITTEE - Hitpas reported the next negotiation session is scheduled for July 20th, but his committee has not had a chance to review the proposed changes. He will contact the appropriate people and cancel the July 20th meeting. His committee had met on July 11th to discuss the county's proposal.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Sullivan reported his committee met with the mayor of the City of Lebanon on the Route 50 by-pass. The Mayor was very cooperative and is setting up a meeting with his Chamber of Commerce and the City Council.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE -

Engineer Behrens reported the major bridge project south of Hoffman over Crooked Creek was started last Monday. The detour routes are marked. The bridge should be completed

within 70 working days.

The Keyesport Road project over Flat Branch has not been awarded by IDOT yet. Plocher Construction was the low bidder with \$276,269.78.

St. Rose Township Bridge (Fricker Road over Spanker Branch) - work should begin around August 1st. The project should be completed September 30th.

FINANCE/HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE - Jack Taylor submitted two bills that came in after his committee had met. **MOTION** by Jack Taylor second by Holtgrave to approve payment of \$218.39 to Ginny Biebel and \$250.00 to Tammy Booth for expenses. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Jack Taylor second by Robbins to approve the monthly report of the County Health Department. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Craig Taylor second by Sullivan to approve the six-month Budget and Financial report of the County Treasurer's Office. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasurer Mueller also presented the six month report of the Revolving Loan Fund. He reported the first installment of real estate taxes is due tomorrow. The first distribution of real estate tax money will be August 10th.

Jack Taylor reported his committee is working on one revolving loan fund applicant.

States Attorney Bergman reported he is looking at the contract for ambulance service for Special Service Area #5 (St. Rose) and suggests the board table it until next month.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Craig Taylor reported the committee is meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Craig Taylor reported all bills were in order.

MOTION by Jack Taylor second by Murray to approve payments of the Accounts Payable Claims. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Robbins second by Hitpas to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ray Kloeckner
Board Chairman

County Clerk and Recorder